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Woman dies in auto crash

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 62-year-old Livonia woman died Wednesday after she drove into the path of an oncoming milk truck that slammed into her car at the Merriman-Ann Arbor Trail intersection in Westland's north end.

Jo Ann Hartley - Westland's sixth traffic fatality of the year - was pronounced dead at 4:55 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, three hours after her 1992 Chevy Cavalier was hit by a Country Pride milk truck, Westland police Officer Steve Frazer said.

The accident occurred when Hartley, driving southbound on Merriman, tried to turn east onto Ann Arbor Trail and drove into the truck's path, Frazer said.

The truck driver, who was northbound on Merriman, wasn't injured, the officer said.

Hartley's death came as a surprise because she didn't appear to have serious injuries at the accident scene, where she talked with police officers, Frazer said.

"She had no visible injuries other than some facial lacerations," he said.

Hartley died three hours later, however, and Frazer said Thursday that internal injuries are believed to be the cause of death.

An autopsy was being performed Thursday, and Frazer was awaiting a report from the Wayne County medical examiner's office.

Hartley was wearing a seat belt during the accident, Frazer said, and alcohol has been ruled out as a contributing factor.

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Council mulls offender center

Nonviolent offenders trying to make the transition from prison to society would be housed at a Westland facility under a plan that the Westland City Council is expected to decide during a Dec. 18 meeting.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Federal prisoners re-entering society will be housed at a Westland facility if the Westland City Council approves a plan opposed by some south-end residents.

As many as 35 nonviolent male offenders - convicted of crimes such as tax evasion, fraud and drug

charges - would live in a one-story, 7,200-square-foot building south of Michigan Avenue, just west of Henry Ruff.

The facility would be supervised at all times by four to six staff members from Community Treatment Centers Inc., a community-based residential program for nonviolent federal offenders.

Residents would be allowed to

leave the facility only to work or to seek jobs.

"They would have to go straight to and from work; there's no frolicking," CTC attorney Timothy Stoepker said Thursday. "There's no going home or to the store to shop."

The closest homes to the Westland site are located on the west side of Merriman in the city of Wayne, according to findings from the Westland Planning Commission, which supports the proposal.

City council members are expected to decide the plan during a 7 p.m. Dec. 18 meeting on the second floor of Westland City Hall.

The program is geared toward federal offenders who, while on probation or parole, receive transitional services aimed at helping them to re-establish their lives.

Most offenders are placed in CTC facilities for one year or less.

South-end resident Dorothy Smith, one of three residents who earlier voiced concerns to the planning commission, said Thursday that the CTC facility "would be nothing more than a halfway house."

"These criminals would be roam-

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Adversaries: Westland John Glenn High School cheerleader Maegan Ramsey led the fans in cheering a key play in Saturday's semi-final football playoff game against Sterling Heights Stevenson. Read Sports Editor Brad Emons' story on Page C1.

State senator worried about voting practices

Practices at several Michigan voting precincts on Nov. 5 were not only startling and cause for great dismay but also illegal, according to state Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville.

That was the message he delivered Nov. 20 when speaking to the Livonia League of Women Voters in the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Numerous volunteers exercised their legal rights to attend precinct elections in the capacity of poll challengers in an attempt to police ballot security - ensuring the honesty and integrity of election practices in the polling place.

"I want to stress the word 'attempt,'" said Geake. "Despite repeated warnings and corrections by poll challengers, election officials in every area of the state we visited blatantly ignored, bullied, threatened and sometimes banned challengers from the polling place. Illegal practices continue unabated."

Areas with the highest number of reported abuses included Flint, Saginaw and Lansing. The list of abuses is varied, long and almost unbelievable for anyone who has voted in a well-run precinct, said Geake.

Practices commonly included among the travesties witnessed, said Geake, included:

- Little or no privacy was provided in the voting booth, with too much voter assistance provided to voters who were clearly literate.

- Although demonstration ballots were available, election workers seldom used them. In Lansing, poll workers did not provide adequate assistance to voters who could not speak English.

- Ballot envelopes, called privacy folders, were not available, providing election workers with a clear view of voter choices. When envelopes did arrive in one precinct, there was not even a sufficient number to be reused in each booth.

- Campaigning took place in the polling place. In Saginaw, one candidate went from precinct to precinct, where election workers actually announced his arrival, made introductions and allowed him to shake hands with people in the polling place.

- In many places, campaign buttons and T-shirts were abundant. A big-screen television played in a precinct in Westland, complete with political announcements.

- In several precincts, people were permitted to vote even if they were not registered in that precinct or registered at all, and ballot boxes were left unattended.

- Handicapped facilities were lacking, causing difficulties, embarrassment and indignities to the handicapped.

- Westland's touch-screen computer voting system was new and inefficient, causing many voters to wait a minimum of two hours, 20 minutes

and as long as three and a half hours. When paper ballots arrived, voters were instructed to vote anywhere in the polling place, with no privacy or ballot security.

- In some places, including Saginaw and Inkster, poll challengers were not allowed near the activity to be monitored and were eventually banned from the polling place.

- In Flint, election officials made regular announcements to vote straight-ticket or risk spoiling the ballot. Similar instructions were offered in areas where races were close, having a potential impact on the outcome.

- One challenger reported being told by an election official, "We don't follow state law here. We have our own interpretations."

Geake said part of the problem stems from election workers being improperly instructed, whether

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Holiday closings

Westland municipal offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Trash pickup for Thanksgiving Day will be on Friday, and Friday's pickup will be on Saturday. Curbside pickup of compost will end on Saturday, Nov. 30, and will resume in the spring. The chipping season already has ended and will also resume in the spring.

Winter hours for the recycling center on Marquette, east of Newburgh, are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The closings affect the Westland District Court, the Friendship Center and all municipal administrative offices. Not affected are police, fire and EMS emergency services.

PLACES & FACES

First deer hunter

Westland resident Ernie Kuehneman Jr. was the first successful deer hunter to cross the Mackinac Bridge to the Lower Peninsula, according to a press release. Kuehneman shot his buck about 8:30 a.m. on opening day of the firearm deer-hunting season near Newberry in the Upper Peninsula.

When he stopped at the Big Boy restaurant near the bridge for lunch, he was given a complimentary piece of pie by the management for getting his deer. A Mackinac Bridge attendant noted that Kuehneman was the first successful

deer hunter to cross the bridge into the Lower Peninsula. He crossed the bridge at 12:20 p.m. on Nov. 15 to return home.

Plant helps families

The Textron plant at 1515 S. Newburgh and the Westland-based Salvation Army are forming a partnership through Dec. 16 for the holidays. Food barrels will be placed throughout the plant to collect canned food and non-perishable food to be given to recipients of holiday baskets given out by the Salvation Army. Capt. Mark Welsh said, "This unselfish act of giving by Textron will allow the Salvation Army to help over 500 families this holiday season with food baskets and toys for their children." Anyone wishing to help the Salvation Army may call 722-3660.

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ing the streets as if they had rented an apartment or something," she said.

"I find this very disturbing. If they're out in the community, that's not 24-hour surveillance. They might take the first bus to Cincinnati."

Smith also charged that undesirable projects in Westland always seem to occur in the city's south end.

"Why can't it be in the north end sometime?" she asked.

Westland police Sgt. Michael Terry prepared a report for city leaders after investigating CTC facilities in Detroit, Saginaw and Grand Rapids. He noted that prisoners convicted of murder, arson, rape and other violent crimes, in addition to those with mental disorders, are "rejected" from the program.

Residents are subject to regular drug and alcohol screening, and arrests for any crime, such as shoplifting, fighting and drunken driving, are grounds for "immediate dismissal" from the program, Terry found.

Interviews with business owners, church employees and residents near other CTC facilities revealed that most consider the offenders to be "good neighbors," Terry's report said.

His investigation found minor fights and loud music to be among the few complaints about the centers.

"In conclusion, I found no one, either police or neighbors, who had any objection to the centers," Terry concluded.

"It should be noted that I arrived unannounced at each center and found no loitering outside and an employee stationed at each entrance. I was required to show identification and sign in at each building.

'Each center was extremely clean, and the few clients I encountered were cordial and polite.'

Sgt. Michael Terry
-Westland police

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Terry's report noted that "although only low-risk offenders come into the program, it doesn't mean that a client doesn't have a past conviction history of violence, and some clients do have assaultive backgrounds."

However, residents have been sentenced to CTC facilities "for other low-risk crimes."

Aside from requiring residents to seek work, CTC staff members also provide counseling and other services for legal problems, family and employment problems, loss of motivation, substance abuse and physical disability.

CTC programs aren't a free ride, though. Residents are required to pay a fee that amounts to 25 percent of their gross income.

Moreover, monthly progress reports are submitted to the U.S. Probation Service, Parole Commission and Bureau of Prisons.

Plans for prisoner release are reviewed by CTC staff members and forwarded to the U.S. Justice Department.



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Tutoring session: Schoolcraft College sophomore Celine Tetrault is one of 12 Schoolcraft students who come to Riley Middle School Wednesday afternoons to tutor students. Here, Tetrault works with Karalee Kliza, a Riley eighth-grader.

Helping hand

Tutors boon to middle school students

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Heichman, seventh-grader at a Livonia school district middle school knows a good deal when she sees one.

"I need help with homework because I'm not quite that smart," Stephanie says as she works on decimals under the watchful eye of Beth Centers, a freshman at Schoolcraft College.

Both Stephanie and Centers took part Wednesday in a new after school tutoring program launched in September at Riley School, in the district which serves the northern section of Westland.

Every Wednesday, about 30 students and 12 Schoolcraft students meet in small groups in the school's library.

The Riley students come to get extra help with their homework.

The Schoolcraft students, all would-be teachers, come to give them that extra help, and earn college credits to boot.

"We try to match the students with tutors who are good in an area, such as language arts or social studies," said Ann Owen, Riley assistant principal.

For example, Schoolcraft sophomores Chris Donkers and Hunter Hinchliff plan to one day teach math. So it was only natural that those students who needed extra help with some tough pre-algebra assignments plunked down their math books at their tables Wednesday and started asking questions.

Donkers helped seventh-graders Ryan Vella and Rachel Allison. "This is a lot more complicated than regular math," Allison

said.

Hinchliff spent time with Eric Cone, a seventh-grader who was hard at work studying exponents and variables. "This is new stuff; once I get the hang of it, it should be easier," Eric says.

The idea of an after-hours tutoring session came from the school's education planning team.

"We talked about how to deal with kids having academic difficulties," Owen says. "We felt we needed something after school hours, on an as-needed basis. Students don't have to come every week."

School administrators hooked up with Schoolcraft administrators, who got students to sign up to teach the sessions.

"The tutors are young, and relate well to the kids," Owen says. "They're forming nice relationships."

Each 1-1/2 hour session kicks off with a treat. Last Wednesday it was pizza and pop. Zach Stone, a seventh-grader, quips that he comes for the snacks. But, tutored by sophomore Brenda Page, he also worked hard on some math and social studies problems.

At her table, Page answers questions from Zach and seventh-graders Tyler Foraker and Jacob Khalil. Tyler struggles with the human circulation system, from a science class. He admits that the work he does in the tutoring session makes a big difference in the job he does when he gets back to the classroom.

Jacob is preoccupied with regions of the world and math. "I get help with what I don't understand," he says.

By coming to the session, Dan Fine, an eighth-grader, says he has no excuse to not do his homework. Both Dan and fellow eighth-grader John Stann, filling in worksheets, are tutored by sophomore Jeanene Ference.

"Parents love this," says Owen, and her words are backed by many of the students.

"My mom wants me to come here," says Dusy Saad.

"My mom doesn't understand math," says Zach Stone.

Seventh-grader Brad Bryant, tutored by sophomore Autumn Cranford, calls the sessions a good way to get correct answers to questions involving exponents. "I get my homework done without a lot of wrong answers."

Sophomore Leslie Yanez tackles the same questions on exponents with her students, seventh graders Bobby Fettig and Rva Hasan.

Eighth grader Erich Simo has come to every session since they started. This Wednesday, he dictates answers to a literature assignment to Sharon Wells, Riley learning specialist.

"He'll turn the paper in tomorrow," Wells says.

Each week, students sign up for the sessions, and the group changes weekly. The session is limited to about 30 students.

"If too many students come, no one will get help, so they'll ask, why bother coming," Wells says.

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intentionally or not.

"Sadly, many voters do not know election law nor their own rights to privacy. Democracy is the foundation upon which America was built. That foundation is being decayed by those who are more interested in election outcomes than voter rights.

"Most voting precincts operate efficiently and honestly, but abuses can still be found. Precincts with large numbers of illiterate or non-English speaking voters, or where new, unfamiliar voting procedures are being introduced, are particularly vulnerable. Honest elections require constant vigilance."

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No charges are expected against the truck driver who, according to witnesses, didn't have time to stop to avoid hitting Hartley's vehicle, Frazer said.

"She made a statement saying that she didn't see the truck until it was too late," he said.

At Garden City Hospital, Hartley talked with Westland police officers and admitted responsibility for the accident, Frazer said.

Hartley and the truck driver were alone in their respective vehicles at the time of the accident, Frazer said.

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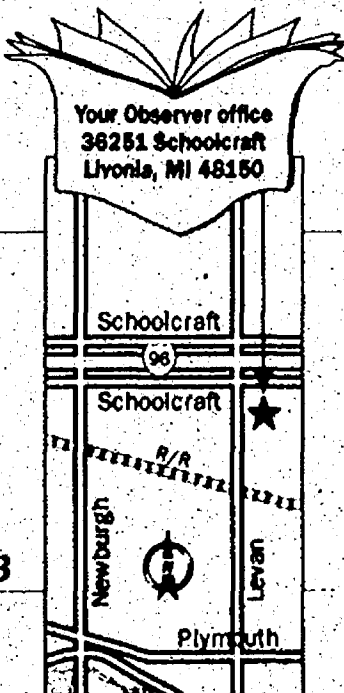
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On the job: Jerry Puffer and Marianne Ayres, 5-year and 17-year employees, sit in the front display window.



Calling back: Marianne Ayres calls a customer to let them know shoes are in stock.



Balloon offered: Jerry Puffer gives a balloon to Thea Swider-Sisk, who is shopping with her grandmother, Pauline Swider. Swider has shopped at the store for her three kids, who are grown, and now shops for her granddaughter.

STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Business puts soul into serving shoppers

BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

Hershey's Shoes has been an area business landmark for 50 years - thanks to an inventory of 30,000 pairs of shoes and widespread word of mouth communications among shoppers.

An excellent example was observed last week when a former congressman, Carl Pursell, and his wife, Peggy, who live in North West Plymouth Township dropped in.

They were referred to the business on Ford west of Middlebelt by a friend, Michael Hoben, former Plymouth-Canton school superintendent.

Pursell represented the 2nd Congressional District, which includes western Wayne County, from 1976-1994. Mrs. Pursell was a longtime Livonia school district teacher before retiring six years ago.

Store manager Tom Welch said that Hershey's, on Ford near Middlebelt, is one of the Detroit area's largest remaining independent family shoe stores left.

Proudly pointing out shelves holding some 30,000 pairs of shoes, Welch added that Hershey's carries a wide inventory of children's shoes as well as hard-to-fit sizes that buyers can't get at shopping malls.

Welch, who heads a staff of four full-time and three part-time employees, has been with the store for 27 years, starting when he was a Franklin High School student.

The manager, 43, said the business was first located on the southeast side of the Ford-Middlebelt corner, next to the LaParisi Theater, which closed in early 1986 and a few doors away from the existing Orin Jewelry business.

The shoe store, started by Harry Baskin, relocated across the street to its current site in 1958, or four years before the world's first Kmart Store behind it.

"Some families have a third generation coming in to buy shoes," Welch said.

"There are grandmothers who bought their shoes here bringing in their grandchildren."

Adding to the atmosphere is the mechanical carousel which was installed about 30 years ago.

In some instances, mothers bring in their children to ride on the carousel and comment that they also rode on the carousel years ago.

The mothers even have photos taken of their children on the mechanical horses.

The manager reflected a little on how children's shoe styles have changed over the years.

"We used to sell hundreds of hard-soled shoes for children," he recalled. "Now it's all soft soles."

How does the independent business continue to survive in the wave of franchise shoe stores and similar businesses in regional malls?

"We give excellent service," Welch said. "We



Enjoying the ride: Thea Swider-Sisk, 4, rides the old fashioned merry-go-round in the store just as her mother probably did years ago.

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carry sizes you can't get at the malls, such as extra wides."

Another measure of their stability and growth is the "Side Door Outlet" which was opened nearly a year ago on the western side of their business.

The addition offers customers sales on name-brand merchandise, Welch said.



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OBITUARIES

KENNETH E. GILLENTINE
 Services for Mr. Gilentine, 62, of Westland were Nov. 22 from the Uht Funeral Home with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Brother Randy Weeks officiated.
 Mr. Gilentine died Nov. 19 in St. John's Hospital, Detroit.
 Born Aug. 7, 1934, he was a tool and die worker and recognized as a life member of VFW Harris-Kehrer Post 3323.
 Survivors include: wife, Carol; daughters, Gena Giannuzzi, Jeanette Stimmel and Rachel Avery; grandchildren, Jessie, Joey, Jacob, Joel, Joshua and Grabrille; brother, Paul, and sisters, Edith Vaughn and Colleen Weeks.
 Preceding him in death were brothers, Hoy, Martin and James.

Memorials may be donated to the Diabetes Foundation.

CHARLES WAGGY
 Services for Mr. Waggy, 60, of Westland were Nov. 22 from the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, Redford Township, with interment in Sutton Cemetery, Sutton, W. Va.
 Mark Radeke officiated.
 Mr. Waggy died Nov. 20 in Garden City Hospital. Born June 19, 1936, in Detroit, he was a welder.
 Survivors include: daughters, Elizabeth (William) May and Heather; son, Fred; two grandchildren; father, Fred, and sisters, Betty Windrum and Florence Higginbotham. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elma.

Resident recovering from injuries

BY VALERIE OLANDER
 STAFF WRITER

A 28-year-old Westland man was listed in good condition and recuperating at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor after being hit by two vehicles early Sunday morning, Nov. 17, in the Cherry Hill and Lotz Road area.
 Residents were awakened by the sounds of squealing tires and several ran outside to help the victim before police and emergency personnel arrived.
 "I heard a squeal when I was just about to go to sleep. I thought I was going to hear an accident. I was waiting for the crash, but instead I heard a

Canton Detective Leonard Wolons said Westland's Gordon Michael Walstead attempted to cross Cherry Hill Road.

thud," said Wayne Parks, 17, a student at Plymouth Canton High School.
 When Parks looked out his bedroom window, he saw several cars stopped on the road and people beginning to gather around an object in the road. He didn't know if it was a person or an animal. Then, he saw a 1992 teal Saturn, traveling at the posted speed of 45 mph, run over the object once again.

Canton Detective Leonard Wolons said Westland's Gordon Michael Walstead attempted to cross Cherry Hill Road. He was hit first by a 1995 Ford Ranger, driven by a 19-year-old Canton man.
 The Ranger was heading westbound and knocked Walstead into the eastbound lanes, where he was struck again by the Saturn, driven by a 27-year-old Westland woman.

Wayne Parks said he woke up his parents and his father ran outside to help the victim. Larry Parks retrieved an hydraulic jack from his garage to lift the Saturn from Walstead, who was lodged underneath. Police arrived just as the rescue was being attempted.
 "Everyone was just hysterical," said the younger Parks. "I've never seen anything like this before."
 Westland police assisted Canton, who had been busy earlier in the evening with a fatal accident at Warren and Lilley. No traffic citations were issued, police said.

Police need help



Suspect wanted: Westland police have released a photo of a suspect involved in last Monday afternoon's robbery of a Comerica bank on Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill. The suspect escaped with \$1,100 after handing a bank teller a note demanding money. People with information about the suspect are asked to call the Westland Police Department at 722-9600.



Look at that: Linda Turner and Carol McKee admire artwork by Connie Lucas.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Read today's Sports

Project Arts showcases local talent

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
 SPECIAL WRITER

Everyone attending the opening reception for Canton Project Arts' annual exhibit recently agreed: the township's official arts organization deserved a round of applause.
 For the fourth straight year, a corps of volunteers had succeeded in producing a professional showcase of painting, sculpture and clay in a gallery-type setting at the new Summit on the Park community center on Summit Parkway.
 From 130 entries, 56 artworks were chosen by juror Leslie Masters, a Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association instructor and author of "How to Paint a Rainbow."
 "I'm really happy with it," said Tim Haber, co-chairman of the exhibit which continues through this weekend.
 Canton Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter remembered the first year when the exhibit was held in the township administration building then in the midst of renovations and sawdust. Paintings literally leaned against the walls of the offices prior to the jurying process and installation.
 "We've changed our location and the quality continues to increase," she said. "We have different respected jurors and it gets better every year."

As honorary chair of the event, Kirchgatter presented a \$750 cash prize for Best of Show to Connie Lucas, an exhibitor in all four Canton shows. A total of \$1,500 was awarded to artists this year — nearly twice the amount of the first year.
 "I think it's the best one we've done yet," said Eugene Hammonds, Canton Project Arts president.
 Marsha Wright co-chaired the second show held in the old location. She was pleased with the setting the Summit provided for the first time in December of 1995. "It's really improved," she said. "They've pulled in some good art and the environment is wonderful."
 Earlier in the day, Sharon Dillenbeck and Ilene Tarkington assembled and erected screens on which the artwork was hung. Both artists had paintings in the exhibit. "There's a considerable amount of talent here," said Dillenbeck. "It gets better and better every year."
 Sherry Eid of Livonia was thrilled to have one of her colored pencil portraits juried into the show. She echoed Dillenbeck's sentiments. "I think it's an outstanding show," she added.
 Sean Branham, a senior studying sculpture, print-making and drawing at Eastern Michigan University had two works accepted into the show. His girlfriend Rachel Holten

of Westland came long to watch Branham as he was presented with an Honorable Mention for "Imhotep," a plaster relief of a male figure. "I think the exhibit was very beautifully done," said Holten.
 Founded in 1993, Canton Project Art's goal is not only to make art visible and enjoyable in the community, but to provide artists with a venue for showing their work.
 Following the awards ceremony Haber, co-chair Mary Lou Burton and publicity person Cheryl Staats were already making plans to improve the 1997 exhibit.
 "We'd like to thank all of the businesses and volunteers who made the show possible including Kathleen Salla who coordinated everything," added Staats.
 She said the group plans to ask for more help from artists next year, and are soliciting more community involvement from both individuals and the business community.
 "We need more volunteers for everything from computer work to writing follow-up thank you notes," she added.
 The Project Arts Exhibition continues through Sunday, Nov. 24, at Summit the Park, on Summit Parkway/Palmer Road, just west of Canton Center Road. For information on volunteer or sponsorship opportunities with Canton Project Arts, call Kathleen Salla at 397-6450.

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Area piano teachers to meet

Logan Skelton, assistant professor of piano at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, will be the guest speaker for the Wednesday, Dec. 4, meeting of the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum. The meeting will begin 9:30 a.m. in the recital hall of Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia. All area piano teachers are invited.

Skelton maintains an active, multi-faceted career as a solo and recording pianist, chamber musician, composer, and piano pedagogue. Skelton's involvement in contemporary music also is reflected in his long-standing commitment to the music of Bela Bartok. For information, call (810) 427-1597.

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Canton DDA

S'craft board votes to opt out of project

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft trustee Carol Strom told Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack she appreciated the improvements and development going on in Canton.

But she also believed it wasn't her responsibility as a college trustee to pay for road improvements.

"My biggest disagreement is that the money to educate students should not be put for roads, even if it's \$5," Strom said.

With that, the Schoolcraft board of trustees voted 5-2 Wednesday not to participate in the Canton Downtown Development Authority.

The DDA is a form of tax increment financing, which allows local governments to "capture" increases in property value to finance infrastructure improvements.

Strom was joined by board chairwoman Patricia Watson, vice-chairman John Walsh and trustees Mary Breen and Brian Broderick supporting a motion not to participate, while trustees Dick DeVries and Steve Ragan voted against that action.

A resolution exempting the college from the DDA also passed by a 5-2 vote with the same trustees taking the same yes and no positions.

DDA history

The Canton DDA was created in 1984 for an 80-acre area along a strip on Ford Road from Morton Taylor to Sheldon. The DDA would divert assessment growth to the municipality that normally goes to the community college.

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-Schoolcraft trustee

The Canton Township board agreed on Oct. 10 to expand the DDA boundaries to include 773 acres, stretching from the city of Westland to west of Canton Center Road.

Under state law, Schoolcraft's board can opt out of the DDA by a resolution.

Yack and Canton's finance director Tony Minghine compiled graphs reflecting Canton's growth and how Schoolcraft benefited from that growth.

Schoolcraft's property tax revenue from Canton grew from slightly less than \$1.75 million in 1990 to \$2.75 million in 1996. Schoolcraft levies 1.85 mills on its participating communities.

Minghine and Yack stated that the percentage of Schoolcraft revenue captured by the DDA was less than 1 percent in 1997 of its total and would rise to just 1.41 percent - or \$48,911 out of \$3.4 million in Schoolcraft revenue from Canton - in 2001. Those figures assumed an annual 5 percent increase in state equalized value.

Overall state equalized value in Canton grew from approximately \$600 million in 1988 to more than \$1.4 billion this year. Seventy-five percent of that figure was residential property.

Canton officials argued the percentage of district SEV (nearly 18 percent) outweighed the

nearly 12 percent of enrollment for Canton residents. But they said DDA work would benefit everyone from students to commuters accessing I-275.

Canton had only two access points to I-275, while Livonia has eight, four on I-275 and four on I-96, Yack said.

"We survey our residents constantly, and if they have a complaint, it's with the roads," Minghine added.

DeVries asked if the township asked voters for approval of mills for road improvements.

Yack said the township rejected one in March 1995 by 48 votes. In light of that millage rejection and because Canton officials believe they are entitled to more state transportation funds distributed in Wayne County, the township has chosen not to initiate a special assessment district.

Yack said the DDA can fund construction of libraries and fire stations, but projects like that can go over a "long period of time."

That time frame and the diversion of funds didn't sit well with the board's majority.

"In a sense we're shifting the costs of this (DDA) to the students," Watson said. That money, if collected by Schoolcraft, could defer tuition hikes to students.

Minghine said any growth would benefit all the parties.

Ragan said Canton's revenue and growth aided the college. "In some respects, it is the goose that laid the golden egg," Ragan said. He believed Canton's growth would end if Ford Road's problems were not resolved.

Trustees split

When Canton's report ended and the board acted on it as an agenda item, Walsh said he believed the roads should be developed, but that the state and county should own up to those funding responsibilities. The trustees' job was to put the college and students first, he said.

"The only way to make up a deficit, if one is to occur, is to raise tuition," Walsh said.


Ragan pointed out Schoolcraft was not giving up that much money to the DDA. Ragan and DeVries called the DDA an "investment."

DeVries said the \$175,000 over the next five years that would be lost by Schoolcraft represented about \$1 in tuition over that time for each student. "That's about 20 cents a student," he said.

"This college is in incredible kind of shape. I don't foresee us having trouble down the road."


But those arguments didn't sway the majority of the board's members. That was summed up at the end of the Canton presentation by a trustee.

"There's no question that Ford Road should be improved," Strom said. "The question is where should that money come from."



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S'craft trustees OK new signs for Livonia campus, satellite

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Motorists driving by Schoolcraft College will see new marquee signs in about six to 10 weeks.

That was the estimate given by Butch Raby, vice president of business services of Schoolcraft College, to the college's board of trustees.

Trustees unanimously approved Wednesday the purchase of three signs with message centers from ASI Sign Systems in Clarkston for \$226,317.

Two signs will be displayed at the main campus, one on the north side of campus, the other on the south side. The third sign will be installed at the Radcliff Center in Garden City, just south of Ford Road, between Merriman and Wayne roads.

The current signs are 13 years old and "out of date in style and ability to display up-to-date messages in a cost-effective manner," according to the administrative request presented to the board.

The current signs take about 18 hours a month for the physical plant staff to change the messages and, in inclement weather conditions, "changes can be difficult."

Marquee sign technology now allows for messages that can be programmed from an employee's desk. The signs also will be back-lighted to improve night time readability, have Windows-based software for creating and scheduling messages, and have a two-year full service warranty.

"You can program it for any in advance, or change it at any moment," Raby said.

Raby said he didn't anticipate the sign operation to disturb neighbors of the Radcliff Center. "We certainly wouldn't operate it late in the evening hours. I don't

believe it will impact neighbors at all." That sign cannot be installed on Ford Road unless the board acquired land from the state for property on the state-owned right-of-way, Raby said.

leave the Detroit area, Raby said.

The property is currently zoned for office, high rise and hotels. It has about 1,000 feet of frontage on Seven Mile and 400 to 500 feet along I-275. The site has no deed restrictions.

Raby hoped to update the board again in January.

Board OKs contracts

Trustees unanimously approved two contracts Wednesday with office personnel and physical plant employees, which will pay those workers 2.5 percent annually over two years.

The agreements expire June 30, 1998. Workers will receive pay retroactive July 1, 1996.

The two unions were the 60-member Schoolcraft College Association of Office Personnel and the 44-member Schoolcraft College Personnel Association (Physical Plant Employees).

No other changes were made to the new contract.

7 Mile Crossing

Raby reported there was "no real progress" in talks with Duke Realty Investments about Duke purchasing all or part of 16 acres of the 7 Mile Crossing property from Schoolcraft.

Duke owns two office buildings on 7 Mile Road just west of I-275, but leases the property on which the buildings sit from Schoolcraft. The firm plans to

leave the Detroit area, Raby said.

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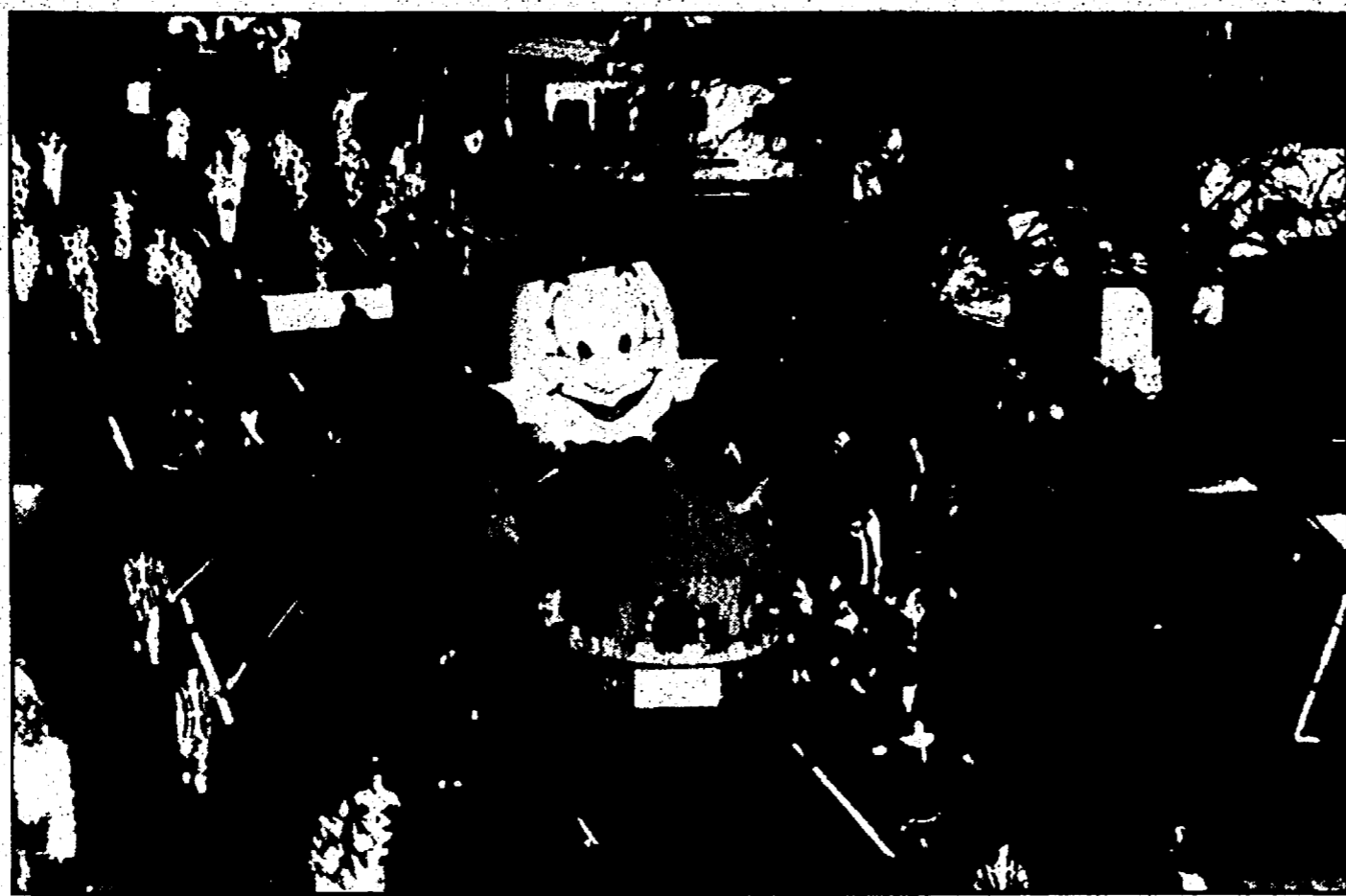
Livonians include Anne Williams, Judy Bridges, Laura Bowen, Barbara DuPont and the Livonia Franklin High School Marching Band.

Plymouth's presence in the parade includes Robert Sasin, Thomas Saticz, Catherine Kerr and the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team.

Sherri Wisniewski will represent Garden City.

Canton residents participating in this year's parade are Anne Houle, Charles Chapman and Garline Ann Dunn.

Westland residents who have volunteered their time include Cheryl Faucher, Marshall Wright and Renee Erwin.



Holiday treat: This year, million of parade spectators both curbside and on national television, will enjoy floats and 10 giant inflatables like the one pictured here. The parade starts at 9:15 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The 2.2 mile parade route is on Woodward Avenue from Mack to Jefferson.

Redford residents include Marjorie Kluck, Rebecca Bowen, Betty Guyette and James Guyette. The Redford Township Unicycles will also be part of the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

This year's parade viewers will be treated to 22 floats, 10 giant inflatables, marching bands, equestrian units, clowns, specialty acts and celebrities.

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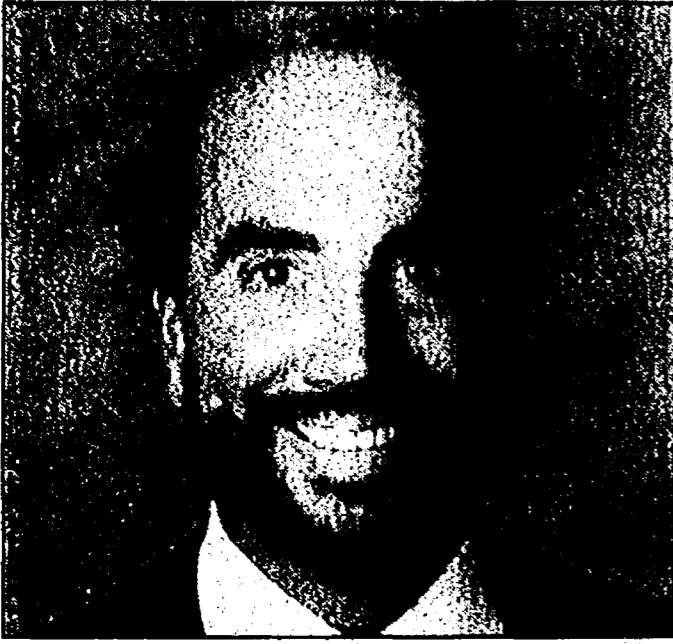
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BEAUTY AND THE BEST



Jeffrey Bruce

Holiday shine takes polishing

With the major holidays soon upon us, you will have a thousand details to take care of and presumably enjoyable times ahead. However, here are a few things that you may want to keep in mind and perhaps make these special occasions a little more memorable.

At this time of year, the camera is probably used more than any other to record people and events. Most often it will be at night-time and not under the best of lighting. Rather than looking back on those photos and thinking "What was I thinking?" make sure that you carry extra powder to fight "the shine."

Wear a little more blusher to help frame the face. Don't use too much lip gloss - unless you want your lips to be the biggest feature in the shot.

If you are one of those women who do not wear any make-up at all (and you are probably not reading this column anyway), remember that the eyes always draw the most attention, and if you only put on one thing, use mascara. It will make the most difference, I promise!

You will be bringing out your finery - outfits that are seasonal and geared toward the Christmas and New Year's occasions. Just keep repeating the mantra, "Classic is classic for a very good reason." There is a lot of evidence why a simple black dress (or a Rolls Royce) have stood the test of time.

Wear too many accessories and you will be confused with the Christmas tree. Make your hairstyle too elaborate and you may have a prolonged encounter with the mistletoe. Wear red mascara or mustard fingernail polish and you will be looking at the photos for a very long time - or maybe you'll just cut them up.

Trends either in clothing or make-up belong with the young. Trends are natural for them, and a way for them to rebel or make their mark. I'm sure you remember pointy-toes shoes and pedal pushers.

Your skin tone and your shape don't change that much from year to year that you have to rush out and get the latest black raspberry or puce anything! New is not for everyone. There is a happy medium between being current and being stuck in a time warp. Make your mirror your best advisor, not the fashion pages.

A lot of you will be traveling to a different climate for the season. The two main ones are the cold - for skiing or snow-bunnying, or to the warmer climates to catch some well-earned rays. Don't forget your skin-care lessons.

Plenty of moisturizer and sunblock is well-advised for both places. Don't forget to put sunblock on the back of your hands, an area that most forget. If somebody wants to guess your real age, a quick look at the hands is easier to read than the rings around your neck.

Eating is a great part of the holidays - why else spend the rest of the year depriving yourself? Most people have a sweet tooth, and to anticipate the onslaught of calories, you should throw in a couple of facials before the party circuit begins. This will give your skin a head start, open the pores, clean out the problem areas, and, I hope, cut down on the surprises that may appear in the mirror afterward.

No matter how much you drink, no matter how much you have had a wonderful time, no matter whether you hang up your clothes or not, please take time to clean your skin before going to bed. Your face and your sheets will thank you.

(In December I'll be rehearsing for my starring role in Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" at the Crowell Opera House in Adrian.)

In January, I'll be back on the salon circuit appearing in Rochester Hills and Romeo. Call to get the specifics 1-800-944-6588.)



Glamour girl: To look your best in family photos, draw attention to your eyes with a coat of mascara on the lashes, use lipgloss sparingly.

Region 'comes of age' - says analyst



Is Detroit becoming a world class town? Will the Motor City one-day join the ranks of San Francisco, Paris, Hong Kong? It's heading in the right direction, according to one analyst who insists the evolving retail scene is leading the way.

BY MARILYN BARNETT
SPECIAL WRITER

It's fascinating - despite the information revolution and commerce by electron - to consider the power held by a sense of place.

The left bank of Paris for artists and lovers and intellectuals. Bourbon Street and jazz. London's 10 Downing St. as a seat of power. In New York, we have Wall Street for finance and Fifth Avenue for fashion. Chicago has always had its lakefront Miracle Mile.

Now, Detroit and Michigan retail have Somerset. And the real amazement is how quickly the name Somerset has come to stand not just for a physical center in Troy, as grand as it is, but our region's retail coming of age in both consumer taste

impacted other industries as our service economy has grown. Some have come willingly; others have been forced into action by competitors or declining sales.

In our hometown auto industry, it took the competitive inroads made by foreign car makers to make us more consumer and service-oriented. Today, auto companies are delivering new and unique products and unparalleled levels of service in their dealerships.

My own first-time Nordstrom experience at Somerset far exceeded my expectations. I was greeted at the door and accompanied through the store by a single, genuinely attentive salesperson. I made one visit and paid one bill. I didn't collect register receipts; I shopped.

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and standards of service.

The accolades, the Somerset Effect cocktail talk, are all on target. There's probably three or four master's theses already in the works! The retail ante has been raised and the competition has responded, from nearby malls and downtown areas to stand-alone stores.

Never has the standard been higher for retailers and never have Michigan retailers achieved such a high level of excellence. Everyone is shaping up.

Getting There

But actually this hasn't happened overnight. Retail's intrinsic reliance on customer service has gradually

translated "knowing your customer" into "pleasing your customer." This is the Nordstrom lesson. Image may get them to the store. Merchandise and price will make the sale. Service and consistency keeps them coming back.

In all this, quick fixes or knee jerk reactions won't bring home the bacon. A corporate image must be more than neon flash; it must be understood, believed and practiced by each person in the organization, day after day.

Today's consumer is more informed and has more ways and outlets than ever by which to shop. They understand the competitive factors - from supermarket to designer fashions; they can pick out



Opportunity knocks: Marilyn Barnett is president of Mars Advertising of Southfield. She sees the growth along the Big Beaver corridor in Troy as a catalyst for exciting growth throughout the region.

the genuine article from the imposters.

'Say it is so'

Retailers and other businesses must not rest on their laurels. They must consistently communicate their distinct business and marketing message to consumers, not just at traditional promotion times like the holidays. They must reward frequent customers. They must find ways to invite and hold on to new ones.

We have a lot to be excited about here in Michigan. Our business style

and substance have grabbed national and international attention and respect. Now - while we hold center stage - is the time to get better and better. We can attract more "benchmark" national retailers like Nordstrom, Parisian or Neiman Marcus.

We can also further grow our own, making Michigan a net exporter of strong retail concepts, including Dunhams, Borders or Farmer Jack.

Let's transform the Somerset afterglow into sustained self-confidence and brightness for our economy and way of life.

Knit shop grabs national acclaim

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

It's not by coincidence that Birmingham knitwear designer Lisa Parks is the last of 38 profiles in the new book "Knitting in America."

"I wasn't originally in the book," says Parks, who owns Lisa Parks Knits from which she has designed and sold her one-of-a-kind handknit sweaters since 1982. "She (author Melanie Falick) didn't know me. But she stayed with a mutual friend

who said, 'You've got to meet Lisa.'"

Falick, a knitter and writer, saw that including Parks would add dimension to the book. "Lisa's the only one in the book who has her own store on a large scale," Falick says. "I'd call her work 'urban chic' very fashion-forward compared to the other people in the book."

"The sweaters these people do are different," Parks agrees. "They are absolutely wonderful artisans. This is an art book. These are the best

people, period. I approach it from a completely different angle. I need to create sweaters and designs that are easy to make and produce. I make a very functional sweater - very reasonably priced though I realize that is debatable."

Both women were interviewed at an after-hours reception Nov. 14 where Falick autographed copies of the book for Parks' friends and customers. It's published by Artisan, a division of Workman Publishing, and is out in time for the holidays.

In "Knitting in America," Parks explains that she learned to knit because it was a way of getting attention from her mother as the middle child in a family of seven. Her story was verified on this evening by her sisters, Connie and Molly, who live only a few blocks away from their sister's downtown Birmingham shop.

"My mother taught it to her, but Mom never had the style," says Molly, who is wearing a Parks sweater and skirt she says are 15 years old. "My sister's stuff holds up."

Falick reports that Parks no longer does the bulk of her own knitting. She hands her designs over to a small platoon of knitters, reserving her own needles for finishing work and repairs. So her designs must be easy to follow, keep the knitters interested and appeal to a somewhat broad audience.

The book, divided by geographic areas, includes a three-page profile and photographs of Parks modeling her sweaters while fishing on the Clinton River near Ann Arbor. It also shows a close-up of one of her patterns, written from the bottom of the page to the top just the way she has her knitters make them.

Interestingly enough, another knitter with Birmingham roots is also featured - Yvonne Uhlmanuk whom many may remember as Yvonne Gill. A trained chef, Gill ran several highly acclaimed restaurants including the former Tweeney's in Birmingham. She now raises sheep for yarn and designs knitwear in Romeo, Michigan.

The book also highlights the Waldorf School in Detroit where "children learn to knit before they learn to read."

"It seems like the right time for this book," says Falick. "Knitting is in the swing of the move back to basics," but those basics are about slowing life down and not about money. "Yarn is not cheap - so if you're knitting to save money, don't knit."

It takes about 100 hours to knit a sweater, Falick says. But, "It's so beneficial to your mental health. Knitting is a chance for you to slow down your day, relax and let your mind wander. There's the rhythm of the needles in your hands."



PHOTO BY SALLY DEKAR

Sisters: Lisa Parks (center) welcomes Connie (left) and Molly, all of Birmingham, to a special book-signing party at her store on East Maple in Birmingham.

MONDAY, NOV. 25

Santa Claus Visits
Most malls have Santa Claus seated for visits and photo operations now through Dec. 24. Hudson's, Nordstrom, Jacobson's and Neiman Marcus, have Santa Breakfasts filling fast. Most downtowns and several malls have special meals with Santa. Call your favorite retail center for a schedule of hours and fees.

Extended hours
Many of the shopping centers and downtowns now open an hour early and close an hour late, to accommodate holiday shoppers.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

Birmingham Holiday Night
Tree lighting 7 p.m. Shain Park. Salvation Army Band. Dickens Carollers. Bates/Merrill. Downtown Birmingham. (810) 433-3550.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 29

Red Cross Blood Drive
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. near Montgomery Ward. The event co-sponsored by WNIC radio. Mall discounts to those who attempt to give blood. Also, Girl Scout wrap program begins. Community Hospice Tree. Collection program for YMCA seeks toys, non-perishable food and clothing. Bring to Information Booth.

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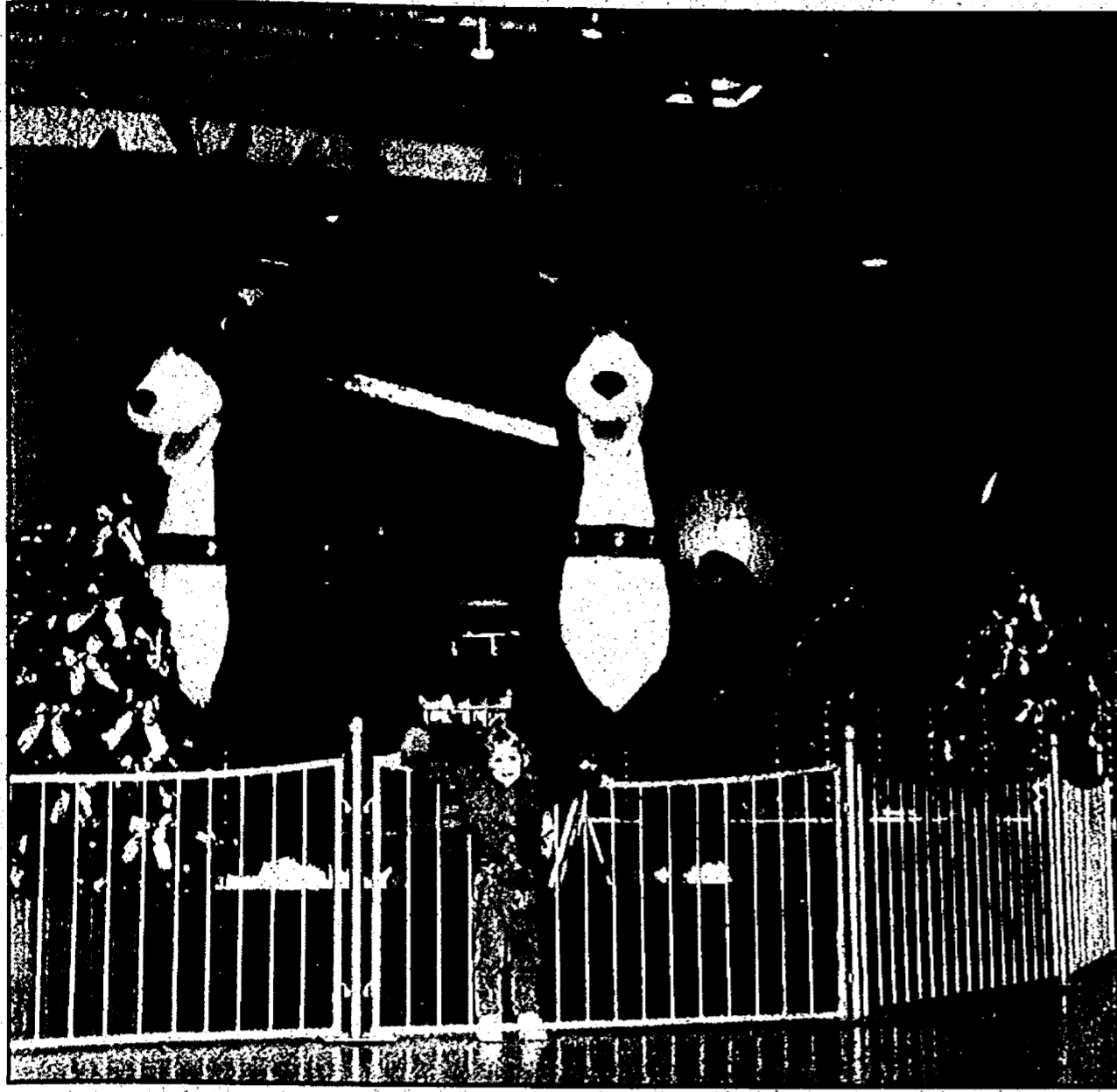
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Native West hosts massage therapist Sharon Farrell, 1-4 p.m. for free, mini massages, as shoppers make the rounds throughout downtown Plymouth. 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail. (313) 455-8838.
SATURDAY, NOV. 30
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Reindeer sighted at Livonia Mall



Where's Rudolph?: This year's holiday decor at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, features colossal plush reindeer 15-feet tall. Santa Claus' 14-foot sleigh awaits nearby. The exhibit was created by Studio Artefact of Quebec, Canada.

Detroit Zoo offers gifts that snarl, soar

How many people can say they received a Galapagos tortoise, a polar bear, a Komodo dragon or a bald eagle for a holiday gift? With the Detroit Zoological Society Wildlife Preserver program, you can "adopt" one of more than 100 mammals, birds, fish or reptiles at the Detroit Zoo or the Belle Isle Zoo and Aquarium for

someone on your gift list this holiday season. Animals available for "adoption" include gila monsters, Siberian tigers, red kangaroos, stingrays, king penguins and hummingbirds. Included in the benefit package is a color photo of the animal, a fact sheet that describes the animal, a bi-yearly

Zoo newsletter and an adoption certificate. Wildlife Preserver sponsorships range from \$25 to \$500. Wildlife Preservers adoptions are available now. For more information, contact the DZS (810) 541-5717. Regular admission is \$7.50 for adults; \$5.50 for seniors.



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Old fragrance new at Nelman's
When Cary Grant romanced Audrey Hepburn in "Charade," most likely they were both wearing Acqua di Parma, their favorite cologne. The classic Italian unisex scent, first introduced in the 1930's, was the rage among Europe's fashionable and wealthy set as well as Hollywood's glamorous taste makers. Sixty years later, Acqua di Parma is still being produced in limited amounts and will be newly available at all Neiman Marcus stores, including Somerset Collection in Troy. It still comes packaged in the same distinctive Parma yellow cylinder.

Sicilian citrus, essence of lavender, rosemary, verbena and a Bulgar rose combine to create a scent that compliments both men and women. It will be available in soaps, bath gels, cream, powder and cologne ranging from \$35 to \$90.

Hudson's aids United Way
Dayton Hudson's family of stores, Hudson's, Mervyn's and Target, has raised more than \$730,000 to help support local United Way agencies. The contribution includes donations both from the corporation and its local stores through pledges and special fund-raising events. The contribution enhances Hudson's Circle of Giving, in which the company donates 5-percent of its federally taxable income to non-profit organizations in the communities in which its stores are located.

Outlet mall opens in Howell
Kensington Valley Factory Shops, a \$25 million manufacturer's outlet mall, officially opened last week at I-96 and Highway M-59 in Livingston County. A joint venture of Fru-Con Development Corp. and Howard & Rice, the 65 factory outlets planned for phase one are owned and operated by nationally recognized manufacturers. Tenants include: Mikasa, The GAP, Adidas, Detroit Pistons, Kasper, Peter Nygard and Olga Warner. The Country Victorian architectural center was designed to be in keeping with the rural spirit of Howell Township. Covered walkways shield shoppers from inclement weather and link the shops. The Kensington Valley Food Pavilion, in its own building, is the focal point of the center.



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Commission OKs PUD district for Northville site

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission has not yet transferred a 926-acre site in Northville Township to the County's Economic Development Corporation.

But commissioners may act on that property at a commission meeting on Dec. 5 for the EDC to supervise a Planned Unit Development (PUD).

On Thursday, the commission took another step toward the transfer by approving a resolution establishing the project district's area. The county commission's resolution also allows the appointment of two Northville Township representatives to the eight-member EDC.

The EDC will be responsible for the overall supervision of the

PUD, but Northville has established conditions with its approval. Thursday's commission action came a week after the township's board of trustees approved the PUD.

A PUD is a zoning classification that gives land owners/developers greater flexibility in terms of land use while providing the township a detailed role in the planning process. The land was zoned single-family residential.

Northville's resolution states the PUD must be consistent with the conceptual plan submitted by Wayne County, a PUD subcommittee report and a memo regarding sewage capacity. The proposal must be consistent with what the township board considers what is "mutually ben-

eficial" for township and county residents.

Wayne County will transfer ownership to the county's EDC except for property currently occupied by Optical Imaging Systems. Northville Township's attorney and corporation counsel must be satisfied with the transfer to EDC, according to Northville's resolution. If the transfer is unsatisfactory, the township can abandon it.

The county also will return property tax revenue currently received by the township for property transferred to the EDC.

The township will receive 45 acres of land for recreational and "open space" uses.

The land is bounded by Five Mile Road, Six Mile Road, Beck Road and Hines Park. The site once housed the Wayne County Child Development Center and the Plymouth State Training School.

Nearly 60 buildings sit empty. The plans call for 308 acres of single-family detached residential development; 26 acres devoted to an adult-lifestyle community; 110 acres for Optical Imaging Systems, Inc., including the

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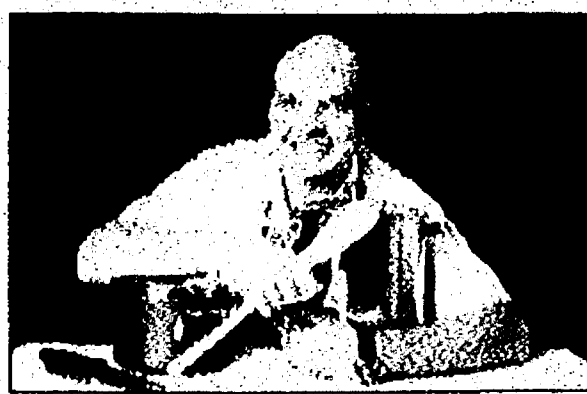
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TASTE BUDS



CHEF LARRY JANES

Readers in a rush for easier holidays

I can tell it's getting close to the holidays! From your calls it's becoming very evident that you're heating up those stoves, and looking for ways to make things a little healthier, and definitely easier during the holidays.

Marni Balog, a home economics teacher at Riley Middle School in Livonia, is teaching her class how to make homemade pretzels. Balog wanted a fat-free pretzel recipe.

Like bagels, pretzels should be parboiled before baking. Here's my recipe:

BREAD PRETZELS

- 1 cup water (105-115 degrees F.)
- 1 package active dry yeast (1 tablespoon)
- 2 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour (divided)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 4 cups water
- 5 teaspoons baking soda
- Coarse salt

In a mixer bowl, combine water and yeast. Beat in 1 1/2 cups flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt and sugar. When combined, slowly mix in remaining 1 1/4 cups flour, 1/4 cup at a time and knead until dough loses its stickiness.

Allow to rise in a covered greased bowl until doubled in bulk. Punch down and divide into 12 pieces. Roll the 12 pieces into 18 inch lengths and loop into a twisted oval. Place on a greased baking sheet, cover and allow to rise until doubled, about 40 minutes.

Preheat oven to 475 degrees F. In a large non-aluminum pan, bring 4 cups of water to a boil. Stir in baking soda. With a slotted spoon, carefully lower the pretzels into the water for about 1 minute or until they float. Remove and return them to the greased baking sheet. Sprinkle with coarse salt and bake for about 12 minutes. Makes 12 pretzels.

Mrs. Roy of Troy called, and wanted to know if there was anything than can be done to recover a custard that was scorched or burnt. If I could, I would but unfortunately, you can't.

She also wanted to know the proper technique for freezing cookie dough. For optimum freezing, I recommend that the dough be placed in an airtight (burpable) container or placed in a freezer bag with all the air pushed out. The dough can be frozen whole or shaped into individual servings before freezing. If shaped, freeze dough on parchment paper lined baking pans individually and then combine when frozen in a container or freezer bag.

Joyce Creager of Novi called with a great idea for healthy conscious, busy, stressed holiday shoppers. We have both discovered the fat-free pizzas at Picasso Pizza, 24545 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield (810) 350-3131. If you're looking for a fat-free way to enjoy a great meal you won't be disappointed.

Mrs. Wilson of Canton called and wanted to know more about juniper berries. She has a recipe, and wanted to know where to get them. Juniper berries are best known for their flavor in gin and other spirits and cordials. The berries come from prickly evergreen shrubs. In France, the berries are crushed with salt and garlic and rubbed onto poultry. Combined with allspice, juniper berries can be used for spicing up beef. They are available via mail order or over the counter at Jafal Spice, 2521 Russell in Detroit's Eastern Market, (313) 459-6373. Here's an interesting recipe:

SPICED SCOTCH WHISKY

- 1 1/2 cups good Scotch whisky
- 1/2 cup orange
- 1/2 cup red fruit syrup
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Whisk the whisky in a large bowl. Add the orange juice, red fruit syrup, honey, and spices. Stir well. Strain through a fine mesh strainer into a clean bottle. Seal and store in a cool, dark place. Shake before serving.

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FAMILIES FUEL HANUKKAH CELEBRATION WITH LESS OIL

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY, SPECIAL WRITER

Oil is an important part of Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday that refers to the rededication of the ancient temple after it was desecrated by the Syrians. According to the Hebrew story, when a second temple was desecrated and the eternal light burning in it was extinguished, the Maccabees (a family of Jewish patriots) were able to save one small container of oil that was supposed to last for one night.

An amazing thing happened. The oil burned for eight days and nights until more oil could be prepared.

To commemorate this special event, Jewish families prepare and serve foods cooked in oil, such as latkes (potato pancakes) and jelly doughnuts. But for some Jewish individuals, especially those who are watching their fat intake, this custom has been modified to adjust to their healthy lifestyles.

Sue Miller of Novi is one of these individuals. She, along with her husband, Jay, and two daughters, Rebecca, 10, and Elyse, seven, are active members of the growing Temple Bet Chaverim in Canton.

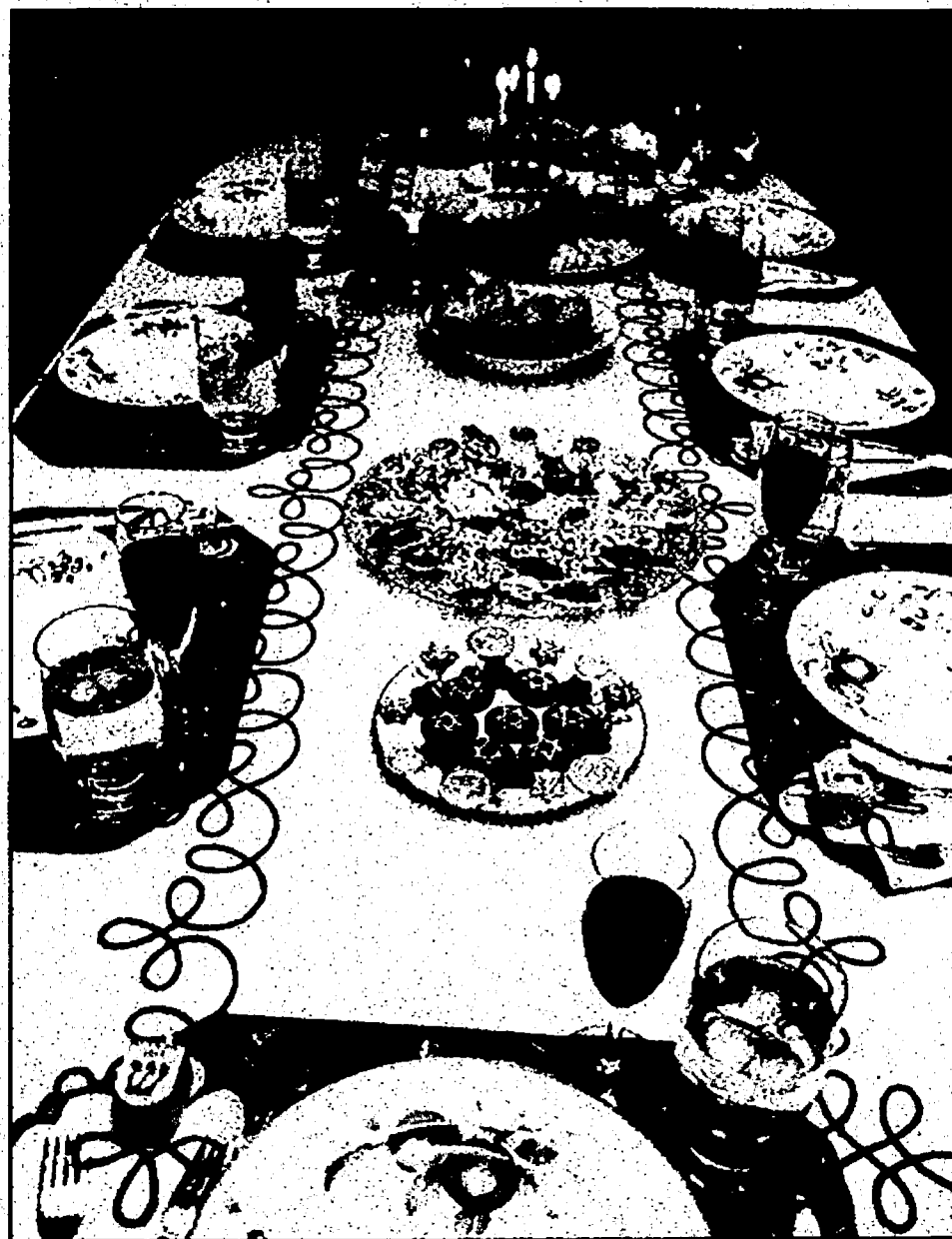
"We participate in all the festivities and activities of our temple, especially because my husband is vice president of the congregation, but I always try to bring foods that are lower in fat and more nutritious, including latkes," said Sue. She has created a recipe that calls for a little oil in the potato mixture ("following tradition"), but instead of frying these potato pancakes in oil, she bakes them.

According to Sue, her latkes may not be as crispy as the fried variety, but they are good and, more importantly, they are less fattening and healthier.

Cooking healthy is an every day part of this dental hygienist's life. She uses no-fat yogurts and fruit purees in recipes that call for heavy creams and oils, and she uses egg whites for whole eggs.

"My only goal is that whatever I make must taste good. If it doesn't, the family won't eat it and this defeats the purpose of cooking/baking nutritious foods," she said.

One thing that has no substitute during the Hanukkah celebration are the jelly-filled doughnuts called "Sufganiyot." According to Sue, "there's no way to make low-fat doughnuts. So the secret to these is to just eat one!"



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Festival of Light: (Top photo) Joey Paulisin (left to right), Dave, Karen, Michael and Kelly celebrate Hanukkah with special foods, and by lighting candles on the menorah. (Above) Candlelight flickers across the Paulisin's table set for a very special Hanukkah meal.

In addition to cooking food in oil, this particular Jewish holiday, often called "the Festival of Lights," is marked by the custom of lighting candles for eight nights in a menorah that holds nine candles (one is used for lighting the other candles).

The Paulisin household in

Bloomfield Hills has lots of menorahs. Each of the three Paulisin children, Michael, 14, Joey, 11, and Kelly, 7, take joy in lighting their own menorah during this festive season, that begins this year at sundown Dec. 5. It ends at sundown, Dec. 12. They also take joy in receiving a small gift

each night of Hanukkah ("although this year the children are receiving one large gift," said their mother Karen Blum-Paulisin). Like her friend Sue, Karen also marks the holiday, and every day, with nutritious low-fat and healthful foods.

"I like to cut the fat in my cooking," she said. "That's why I use fat-free Italian dressing when I make the beef brisket, and low-fat chicken broth for my mushroom barley soup for the family's Hanukkah celebration. Just because it's a holiday doesn't mean that you have to discard good eating habits. You can celebrate with healthy foods and still enjoy the occasion."

Rhoda Kutzen of Beverly Hills also believes that a healthy lifestyle can be part of the holidays. She and her husband, Robert, who are parents of two grown children, enjoy filling their home with guests during the holidays, especially children.

"I'm a retired elementary school teacher, and I love being around children. Luckily, we have loads of nieces and nephews who have small children. So we're always around kids."

One of Rhoda's favorite activities during the Hanukkah season is to make sugar cookies cut out in the shapes of menorahs and dreidels (four-cornered tops with Hebrew letters that children use to play a game of chance) and decorated with blue (to represent Israel) and yellow icing (to represent gelt - money or gold covered chocolate coins given as prizes for the dreidel game).

"I make the cookies with my niece, Eve Avadenka, and her three small children. We usually make the traditional recipe that calls for butter. However, we have made a lower fat variety (using light margarine, sugar substitute and egg whites) for those, like myself, who are concerned about fat content."

She also makes sure that there are some healthful choices on her Hanukkah table, such as fruit compote. She uses cans of fruit packed in light syrup, drains the fruit, rinses it in water, drains it again, and adds a sugar substitute.

According to Rhoda, one way to eat healthy during the holidays is to make better selections and to keep portions reasonable.

"One sugar cookie is a much better choice than a jelly doughnut. And half a jelly doughnut is better than a whole one."

See recipes inside.

Swap sweets to multiply holiday treats

Is your holiday treat table filled with Orange Tropic, Gingerbread and people and Best Ever Peanut Cookies? If not, trade in your cookie hoards and host a cookie exchange.

By trading your cookie hoards, you and your guests will taste all kinds of holiday favorites.

Cooking and baking are fun activities for all ages. Invite your family and friends to join you in the kitchen and share the joy of creating holiday treats.

Here are some tips for planning a successful cookie party:

Ask guests to bring one kind of special homemade holiday cookie with copies of the recipe to share.

Specify the number of cookies each person must bring (typically three dozen or more).

Remind everyone to bring extra containers or plastic bags to keep the delectable flavors of cookies from mixing together for the return trip home.

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Twice means Tradition

Cookie exchanges all over the world have many traditions. Ask around, borrow ideas or create your own. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Turn your annual cookie exchange into a fund-raiser for your favorite charity. Ask guests to bring a gift for a nonprofit family or have a charity bake sale.

Include winter activities like caroling, clothing or skating or cross-country skiing.

Combine a cookie-trading party with your traditional swap.

Guests who live in different regions have fun participating in a holiday. Let us know your favorite and an entry for a contest and get back from your assigned region.

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Holiday tradition: Orange Spiced Gingerbread People are fun to make and decorate.

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Treasured Hanukkah recipes are family favorites

See related story on Taste front.

TRADITIONAL SUGAR COOKIES
2 sticks butter, room temperature
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring
4 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, vanilla, almond flavoring and beat well. Beat in flour, baking powder and salt until just blended.
Form into 6-8 balls and refrigerate about 45 minutes.

Roll dough out on floured surface and cut into shapes with cookie cutters.

Bake on ungreased cookie sheets for 10-12 minutes in 375 degree F. oven. When cool, decorate.

Recipe compliments of Rhoda Kutzen

POTATO LATKES

4 egg whites (or 1/2 cup Egg Beaters)
1/3 cup Matzo meal
1/4 to 1/2 cup grated onion
Salt and pepper to taste
4 cups peeled and finely shredded potatoes (squeeze out water)
2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Non-stick cooking spray
Mix together eggs, matzo meal, onion, salt and pepper. Add potatoes, then oil and mix well.

Place eight circles of approximately 2 tablespoons of mixture on cookie sheet prepared with cooking spray. Flatten and bake in 375 to 400 degree F. oven for 10 minutes on one side. Flip, then bake 10 minutes on the other side. For crispier latkes, place under broiler for a few seconds. Serve with light or no-fat sour cream, no-sugar applesauce, jam, jelly or syrup.

Recipe compliments of Sue Miller.

AUNT RUTHIE'S BEEF BRISKET
5-6 pound special-cut beef brisket

1 packet Lipton Recipe Secrets Onion Soup Mix
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
16 ounce bottle Wishbone fat-free Italian salad dressing
1 teaspoon paprika
2 cloves garlic, smashed
1 (15 ounce) can Seaside butter beans, rinsed and drained
8 whole carrots, peeled
8 whole potatoes, peeled
1 large onion, sliced

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Coat inside of a large size Reynolds oven bag with 1 tablespoon of flour. Put brisket in bag with fat side up. Pour soup mix,

Worcestershire sauce, Italian dressing, paprika and garlic on top of brisket in bag.

Hold bag closed, and mix ingredients together to cover meat. Place other ingredients in bag. Close bag, tie, and place in shallow roasting pan. Cut six slits on top.

Bake for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Separate roast and vegetables. Reserve juices for au jus gravy. Serves 8.

MUSHROOM BARLEY SOUP

1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut in small cubes
2 cups celery, diced
1 large onion, diced

2 cups carrots, diced
24 ounces fresh mushrooms, diced
2 (39.5 ounce) cans low-fat chicken broth
1 cup quick barley
Salt and pepper to taste

In an 8-quart stock pot, cook chicken sprinkled with garlic powder until chicken is no longer pink. Add vegetables and saute until tender. Add broth, salt and pepper. Cook on medium-low heat for 30 minutes. Add barley and cook at low heat an additional 30 minutes. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of Karen Blum-Paulisin

Bake some memorable holiday cookies to enjoy, share

See related story on Taste front.

ORANGE SPICED GINGERBREAD PEOPLE
Cookies:
1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/3 cup butter, softened
2/3 cup light molasses
1 egg
2 teaspoons grated orange peel
2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt
Frosting:
4 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened
2 teaspoons vanilla
3 to 4 tablespoons milk
Food coloring, if desired
Decorator candies, if desired
In large mixer bowl combine brown sugar, 1/3 cup butter, molasses, egg and orange peel. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy (1 to 2

minutes). Divide dough into 2 equal portions; wrap in plastic food wrap. Refrigerate until firm (at least 2 hours).

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. On well floured surface roll out dough, one portion at a time (keeping remaining dough refrigerated), to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with 4 to 5-inch cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake for 6 to 8 minutes or until no indentation remains when touched. Cool completely.

In small mixer bowl combine powdered sugar, butter and vanilla. Beat at low speed, gradually adding milk and scraping bowl often, until desired spreading consistency. Color frosting with food coloring. Decorate cookies with frosting and decorator candies. Makes 28 cookies.

Calories per cookie 190, fat 6 grams.

BEST EVER BUTTER COOKIES

Cookies:
1 cup butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 tablespoon vanilla
Frosting:
3 cups powdered sugar
1/3 cup butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 to 2 tablespoons milk

In large mixer bowl combine 1 cup butter, sugar and egg. Beat at medium speed until creamy. Reduce speed to low; add flour, baking powder, orange juice and vanilla. Beat until well mixed. Cover; refrigerate until firm (2 to 3 hours).

Heat over to 400 degrees F. On lightly floured surface roll out dough, 1/2 at a time (keeping remaining dough refrigerated), to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut with 2-inch cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart on cookie sheets. Bake for 6 to 10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool completely.

In small mixer bowl combine powdered sugar, 1/3 cup butter and vanilla. Beat at low speed, adding enough milk for desired spreading consistency. If desired, tint frosting with food coloring. Frost and decorate cooled cookies. Makes 6 dozen cookies.

Calories per cookie, 77, fat 3.5 grams.

Recipes from Land O'Lakes

White popcorn balls, and other reader requests

See related Taste Buds column on Taste front.

■ Jamie Wetzel of Birmingham called requesting a recipe for popcorn balls.

WHITE POPCORN BALLS
6 cups popped corn
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
2 1/2 tablespoons light corn syrup
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/3 teaspoon vinegar

Popcorn can be popped and pressed into well oiled or buttered molds (i.e. lamb, Christmas tree, etc.) Combine sugar, water, corn syrup, salt and vinegar in a heavy saucepan. Stir until sugar dis-

solves. Bring to a boil and boil, covered for 3 minutes or until steam washes down the sides of the pan. Uncover and cook, without stirring, till a candy thermometer reaches about 285 degrees (hard ball stage). Pour hot syrup slowly over popped corn. Stir gently with a wooden spoon until well coated. Butter your hands and fingers and when syrup has cooled slightly, press into balls. Makes about 12 large balls.

■ Margo Friedling of West Bloomfield called requesting a recipe for savory cheesecake.

SAVORY CRAB CHEESECAKE
1 cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup seasoned bread

crumbs. Brush a 10 inch spring form pan with melted butter and sprinkle cheese/crumb mixture evenly over bottom and sides. Set aside.
Heat oil in a skillet. Add onions and saute until golden. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Set aside. Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add eggs. Beat in cream. Stir in remaining Parmesan, Swiss cheese, crab meat and hot pepper sauce. Stir in onions and mix well. Pour into prepared pan and bake for 1 hour or until firm. Allow to cool for at least 30 minutes before slicing. makes 12-16 appetizer servings.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine 1/4 cup of the Parmesan cheese with the seasoned bread

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This is the season to enjoy winter squash

Although refrigeration and improved transportation have blurred the traditional seasons of many types of produce, winter squash still reigns in the cold months of fall and winter.

Whether lumpy and bumpy, striped or plain, these delightfully shaped and colored vegetables are packed with valuable nutrients, including beta-carotene, vitamin C and dietary fiber. The most popular winter squash are acorn, butternut and Hubbard varieties. All three are hard-shelled, mature squash, but acorn and butternut are smaller and are typically sold whole. Due to its large dimensions (12 to 15 pound average), Hubbard squash is often sold cut in pieces weighing only a few pounds.

When choosing squash, look for a hard, thick rind with no softness, cuts, punctures or sunken spots. One pound of unpeeled, uncooked squash equals about 2 cups of cooked pulp, or enough for 4 servings.

Store uncut squash in a cool, dry place for up to two months; cut squash can be refrigerated and should be used within four days. Smaller winter squash are often baked.

When the seeds are removed, the halves form natural cups for stuffing, as in this seasonal favorite: Bake squash halves for 30 minutes at 375 degrees F.

While they bake, saute 1 to 1-1/2 cups each of diced onion and minced celery in a bit of olive oil. Add 1/2 teaspoon marjoram, the juice of one orange plus 1 tablespoon orange rind, and 2 cups chopped raw cranberries and saute briefly.

Add 4 cups of cubed, cooked turkey (or chicken) and 1/4 cup maple syrup and remove the mixture from the heat. Stir in 1 cup bread crumbs and season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide the stuffing between the squash halves and bake for 1 hour.

Hubbard squash and banana squash (another large variety) are usually boiled or baked and then mashed or pureed; since they are closely related, they can be used in any recipe calling for pumpkin. Try them pureed in a winter squash soup or mashed and baked in a quick bread.

Cubes of cooked winter squash make a great compote when teamed with diced apples and dressed with a sauce of cider with curry powder and fresh ginger.

Boost nutrition, flavor and variety in your favorite dishes by adding squash cubes to savory stews or grated squash to a stir-fry dish.

Turkey trivia fun to share

Here are a few forgettable feathered facts about turkey compiled by faculty at the University of Detroit Mercy.

- Rumor has it that when Christopher Columbus found the land he discovered, he thought it was connected to India where peacocks were in considerable number. he also believed turkeys were a type of peacock (they're really a kind of pheasant) so he named them "tuka," which is "peacock" in the Tamil language of India.

- In the last 20 years, America's love of turkey has soared with per capita consumption up from 8.3 pounds in 1975 to 18.5 pounds in 1995.

- Forty-four percent of all turkey consumption comes from turkey sandwiches.

- Turkeys can be frozen for a year before they lose their flavor.

- The heaviest turkey ever raised was 75 pounds by a turkey farm in 1967.

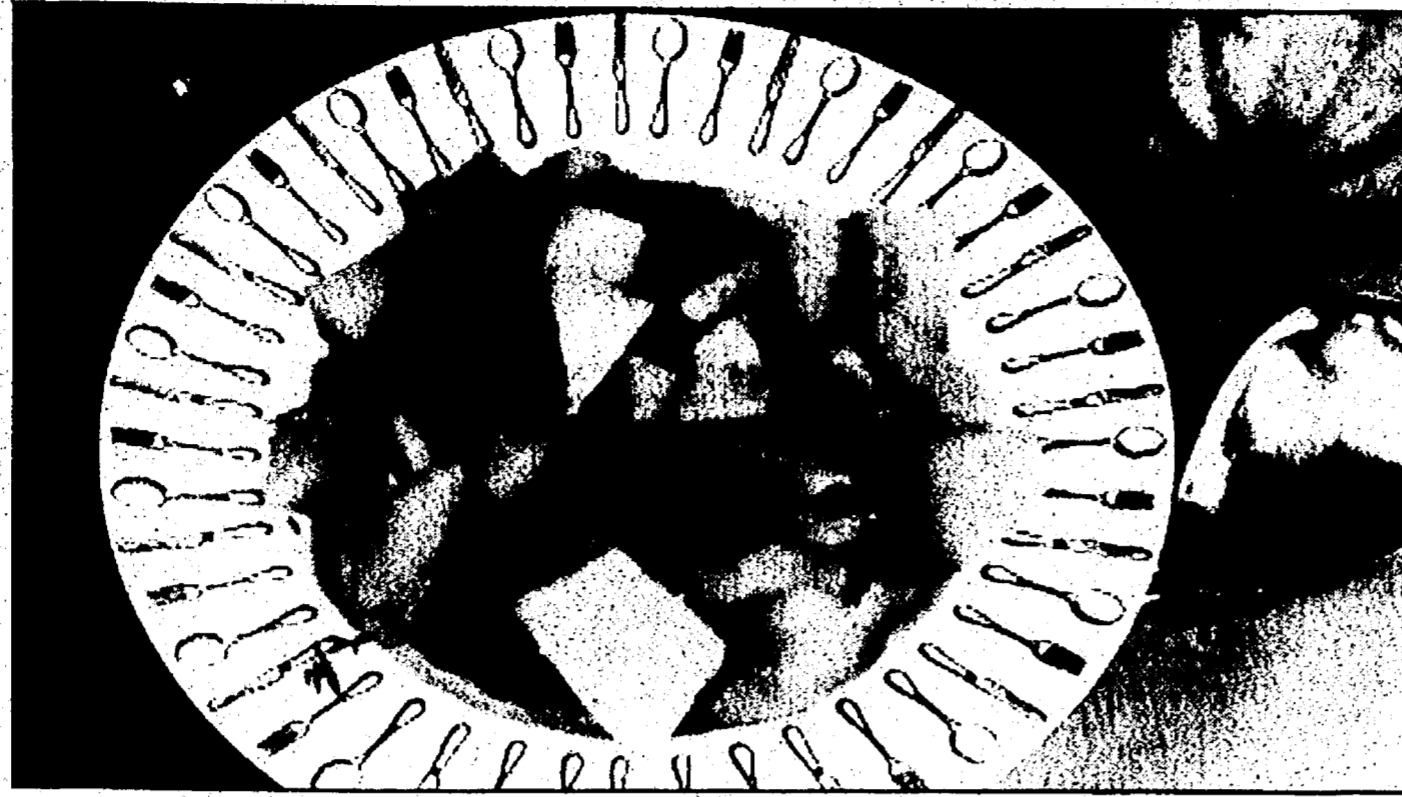
- America's national bird was almost the turkey. Benjamin Franklin lobbied for the turkey but the bald eagle was chosen instead. Franklin complained that "the turkey is a much more respectable bird and a true native of America."

Holiday 'help-lines'

- Michigan State University, Cooperative Extension Service: (810) 858-0904 (Oakland County); (313) 494-3013 (Wayne County).

- Butterball Turkey Talk Line: 1-(800)-323-4848
- Reynolds Metals Company Turkey Tips Line: 1-(800)-745-4000 (Automated messages 24 hours a day).

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Glazed Acorn Squash, you'll appreciate why winter squash is a perennial favorite.

MAPLE GLAZED ACORN SQUASH

2 acorn squash, about 1 1/4 pounds each

2 tablespoons pure maple syrup

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Halve the acorn squash lengthwise and scoop out seed and pulp.

Cut the squash into two-inch chunks and peel off the dark green skin. Place in a tightly covered steamer basket over gently boiling water and cook until fork-tender, about 10 minutes.

Transfer to a shallow baking dish, drizzle with the maple syrup and stir to coat evenly (recipe can be prepared a day in advance to this point — just cover and refrigerate). Bake the squash until it is hot and bubbly, 15 to 20 minutes.

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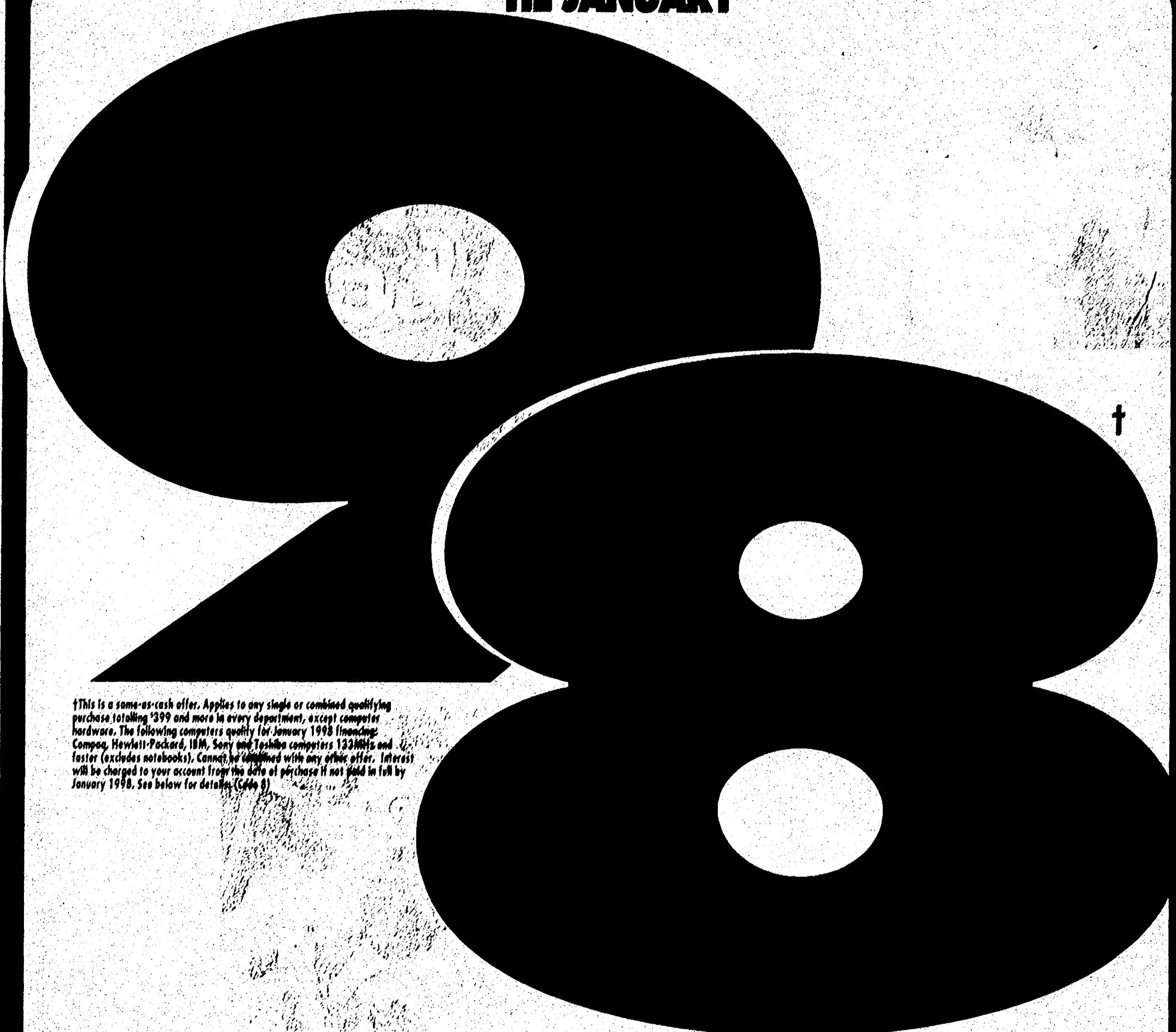
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Hyundai's sporty Tiburon coupe minds its manners

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SAN FRANCISCO — There's actually a city that carries the same name as the 1997 Hyundai Tiburon. It's even spelled the same way.

Located on the fringes of this majestic community, Tiburon is a small suburb that's neat, cozy, well-mannered and modern. Just like the car that replaces the Coupe coupe.

The \$15,000ish Tiburon is the newest member of Hyundai's young family. The carmaker has only been doing business here a little more than a decade and has gone from being a single product company to an automaker that offers a full line of quality- and technologically driven cars.

Anybody remember Hyundai's neat HCD-II concept vehicle, first shown at the 1993 North American International Auto Show in Detroit? Well, that car and the Tiburon are strikingly similar with their innovative and aggressive styling. In fact, Hyundai officials crow that many of the HCD-II's key design elements — things consumers really liked about the concept car — were used in the Tiburon.



ROAD TEST
By
Anne Fracassa

So what you've got here is a new and dynamic sporty compact coupe. There are two trim levels to choose from, Tiburon and Tiburon FX.

The base model has a 1.8-liter DOHC in-line 4-cylinder engine, while the Tiburon FX has a 2.0-liter 140-horsepower powerplant. Both engines are designed by Hyundai and are part of the Beta engine family. The 1.8-liter engine is the same one that was introduced on last year's Elantra.

Although the Tiburon sits low to the ground, it really isn't that hard to get into and out of. It's got a wide, aggressive stance, lending a mysterious air about it. There isn't a grille in the front, which make the elliptical-shaped headlamps even more noticeable.

The front hood sweeps downward, disappearing from view when you're inside. The front air dam, complete with integrated fog lamps (on the FX models), is barely noticeable, yet functions well to allow enough air in to cool the engine efficiently.

The Tiburon is rounded all around, yet it's got distinctive lines in front and rear and even on the sides to give it a real sporty look. The rear deck shows off an understated spoiler that contains the center brake light. A rear washer/wiper is standard on the FX model.

Whether traveling on the

busy freeways around San Francisco or the quiet back roads around Simi Valley, the Tiburon proved to be unusually quiet. This car's got a coefficient of drag of 0.33 — very aerodynamic. What that gives the car owner is wonderful fuel efficiency (22 mpg city, 29 mpg highway) and a very little wind noise.

Now for the inside. Slip behind the wheel, close the door and the entire interior — at least what matters most to the driver — envelops around you. Yet, there's no feeling of claustrophobia. Every control ... every switch ... is pointed toward the driver.

This is just a little thing, but sometimes it's the little things in a car that impress me most. The ignition switch is pointed toward the rear and facing the driver. That means I didn't have to poke my head around the steering wheel to find the ignition. A little thing, but help-

ful. Instrumentation is simple and includes the tachometer, speedometer, odometer and trip odometer, temperature gauge and the fuel gauge. That's it, just three oval circles. No confusion. Simple.

The center console features a digital clock and climate controls on the top — with big buttons and large symbols. The sound system is right under that with much smaller buttons and knobs.

Standard is an AM/FM stereo cassette. The FX models have an optional premium AM/FM stereo cassette and compact disc player with six speakers.

The shift is floor-mounted and between the driver and passenger is a center armrest with storage box. Remote mirror and window controls are left of the driver, mounted on the door.

There's also enough head, leg and shoulder room for anyone under 6 feet tall. Even with my long legs, I was comfortable in the Tiburon. And speaking of comfort, the seats have a nice amount of support. I didn't fatigue during a 4-hour drive. Full cloth seat trim is standard.

On the FX models you get a coordinated seat fabric inset or you can opt for leather seats. With that option, you'll also get a leather steering wheel and gear shift knob.

Power windows are standard. With the FX, power door locks and mirrors are added.

The Tiburon provides a fine level of ride, and the handling is responsive. It's outfitted with MacPherson front struts and a dual link rear setup. Nitrogen gas-filled shock absorbers are

located inside both front and rear coil springs, providing a nice ride even on the roughest of roads. Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering is standard on all models.

Buyers have two transmission choices: A 5-speed manual or a 4-speed automatic. The 5-speed has a pull-type clutch that requires little pedal effort. I drove both and liked the 5-speed best because there's better response and control.

Safety features on the Tiburon include front and rear crumple zones, front and rear 5 mph energy-absorbing bumpers, high-strength steel side impact beams, dual air bags and four-channel anti-lock brakes.

With its bold design, spirited performance and multi-functional interior, the Tiburon could be the ticket to ride for smart sporty coupe buyers.

Anne Fracassa is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures. Vote for your favorite car on the road in our online reader poll by writing AVANTI1054@aol.com.

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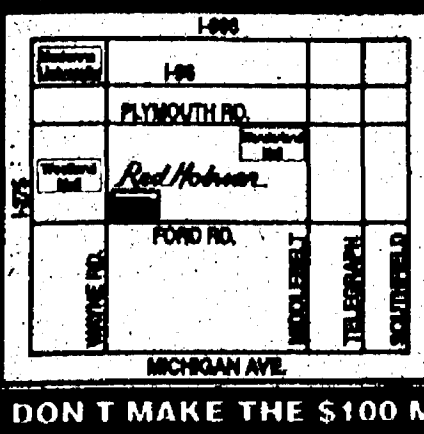
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